

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3668 - SB 3903

February 25, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Amish and Mennonite Farm Protection Act of 2008. Exempts any person engaged in farm operations from rules and regulations promulgated by state or federal government, if such person does not receive farm subsidies and does not participate in state or federal agriculture programs for the receipt of such subsidies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$3,000/One-Time
\$36,400/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The exemption applies to only to persons engaged in farm operations who practice Amish or Mennonite Faiths.
- The Department of Agriculture (DOA) indicates that it would have to obtain specific federal and state information on an unknown number of individuals for confirming whether or not such individuals practice Amish or Mennonite faiths, and to determine if such individuals have received federal or state aid in the past. DOA indicates that it would need additional resources to meet the provisions of this bill.
- One additional Administrative Services Assistant 2 positions would be required for obtaining and analyzing the additional necessary information. The recurring increase to state expenditures for the additional position is estimated to be \$36,400 per year (salary, benefits, supplies, etc.). One-time state expenditures are estimated to be \$3,000 (computers and software).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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